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Dear Matt,

Since the month of May, the situation concerning the Group of Experts had evolved a lot. I think that Johnston, with whom I was in contact in Paris has told you how the Group had ultimately been settled. Pugwash was asked to help in selecting people according to their competence. Julian and yourself were the only ones to give a favourable answer. In spite of my recommendations, the Center for Disarmament of UNO chose as the only basis of reference the quality of non alignment. To shorten a frustrating story, the Group was established with EZZ whom you know, a chidren's orthopedist from Kenia, a young bright physician of tropical deseases from Peru and a colonel from the Philippines specialised in explosives.

You will realize that the task mainly weighed down EZZ and myself.

The mycotoxins affair appears to be very complicated. The evidence presented by the State Department is meager and what I learned from unofficial sources is hardly better.

Obviously, the Group of Experts, which will meet in New York by the third week of October, will not be in a position to issue any definite conclusion.

Experts from FAO and WHO, on site sampling and investigation are needed. In addition, a laboratory research should be undertaken in order to explore any synergistic effect between T2-toxin and nivalenols.

I am sending to you, here enclosed, a copy of my answer to a letter from Julian.

Perhaps, we could meet at the occasion of my next visit to UNO.

With best wishes

Sincerely yours,

H. Marcovich